

CLAIMS

1. A method of knitting a garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves by knitting a body and both sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, comprising the steps of:

(a) after knitting both sleeves to the underarm positions, knitting sleeve caps comprising front sleeve caps and back sleeve caps for both sleeves by flechage knitting such that the front sleeve caps become narrower than the back sleeve caps;

(b) then, forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting both front sleeves and the front body without forming any gores between both back sleeves and the back body, or in the case of forming gores between both back sleeves and the back body, forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting both front sleeves and the front body such that the gores between both back sleeves and the back body become smaller than the gores between both front sleeves and the front body; and

(c) then, knitting the front body and the back body and joining the front body and the back body to both sleeves such that the knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than the knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions.

2. The knitting method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

(d) after the step (c), knitting the front body separately into a left front body and a right front body at a neck hole portion, and expanding the left front body toward a left sleeve side, expanding the right front body toward a right sleeve side such that a left upper end of the left front body is substantially aligned with a left upper end of the back body in the left-right direction and a right upper end of the right front body is substantially aligned with a right upper end of the back body in the left-right direction.

3. The knitting method of claim 1, wherein the step (c) is carried out in a state in which one ends of the front body and the back body face each other on a needle bed, and the other ends of the front body and the back body do not face each other on the needle bed.

4. The knitting method of claim 3, wherein the step (c) comprises the steps of:  
overlapping a knit stitch at the one end of the front body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve, and overlapping a knit stitch at the other end of the back body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve;  
overlapping a knit stitch at the other end of the front body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve, and  
overlapping a knit stitch at the one end of the back body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve; and  
knitting a course of new knit stitches on the front body and the back body.

5. A garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves, the garment including a body comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric and both sleeves each comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric, wherein the body and both sleeves are joined on sides by knitting operation without sewing, and a front body and a back body of the body are joined at shoulders, and wherein

- (a) both sleeves include front and back sleeve caps above underarm positions, and the front sleeve caps are narrower than the back sleeve caps;
- (b) front portions of both sleeves are joined to the front body at the underarm positions by gores such that the knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than the knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions; and
- (c) the front body and the back body are joined to both sleeves without sewing on sides.

6. A knit design device capable of generating knitting data for knitting a garment by knitting a body and both sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, the knitting data comprising:

(a) knitting data of sleeve caps for knitting in a manner that after knitting both sleeves up to underarm positions, sleeve caps comprising front sleeve caps and back sleeve caps for both sleeves are knitted by flechage knitting such that the front sleeve caps become narrower than the back sleeve caps;

(b) knitting data of gores for knitting in a manner that gores at the underarm positions for connecting both front sleeves and the front body are formed without forming any gores between both back sleeves and the back body, or in the case of forming gores between both back sleeves and the back body, gores are formed at the underarm positions for connecting both front sleeves and the front body such that the gores between both back sleeves and the back body become smaller than the gores between both front sleeves and the front body; and

(c) knitting and joining data of the body and the sleeves, for knitting the front body and the back body and joining the front body and the back body to both sleeves such that the knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than the knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions,

wherein the pieces of knitting data are used by a flat knitting machine in the order of (a) to (c).